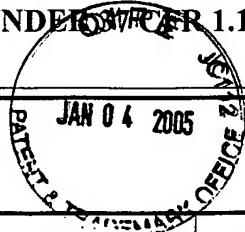


PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER RULE 1.136(a)
(Large Entity)

Docket No.
112480-010

In Re Application Of: Weldy, Ralph E.



Application No.	Filing Date	Examiner	Customer No.	Group Art Unit	Confirmation No.
10/039,004	January 4, 2002	Arthur L. Corbin	24573	1761	7477

Invention: METHOD OF CURING AND PROCESSING POULTRY PRODUCTS

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action of August 30, 2004 above-identified application.

The requested extension is as follows (check time period desired):

One month Two months Three months Four months Five months

from: November 30, 2004 Date _____ until: December 30, 2004 Date _____

The fee for the extension of time is \$120 and is to be paid as follows:

- A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.
- The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-1818
- If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor and charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. 02-1818
- Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.

WARNING: Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038.


Signature

Dated: December 29, 2004

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